

Minutes of the Darrington Parish Council Meeting
Reading Room

Thursday 13th September 2018

Present:

Cllr Britton (Chair), Cllr Smith, Cllr Wilkins, Cllr Hoyle, Cllr Tagger, Cllr Johnson, Cllr Stones.

Apologies:

Cllr Stainer, Cllr Thompson.

In Attendance:

Cllr Jones and 4 members of the public.

2018-09-01

Declaration of Interests:

None offered.

2018-09-02

Public Matters:

None.

2018-09-03

Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the July meeting were reviewed and accepted as being a true record by Cllr's Tagger and Johnson.

2018-09-04

Matters arising:

- Cllr Tagger will update Mr Walker on the implications of street lighting being upgraded to take LED bulbs, and the impact on the lighting provision on Valley Road.
- Cllr Thompson has contacted WMDC asking that meaningful speeding data is obtained on Estcourt Road and is still awaiting a response.
- Cllr Thompson is also awaiting a response from WMDC regarding the confusing weight limit signs across the village.
- Cllr Hoyle confirmed that he will try and organise a village litter pick with WMDC later in the year.
- The tithe barn information sign framework is being manufactured. Wording and the pictures to be used have all been agreed and these will be taken to the printers for professionally scanning.
- Cllr Stones confirmed that the £50 voucher towards the cost of re touching the paintwork on the defibrillator is valid in future years.

2018-09-05

Correspondence:

Jodie Hopkins has contacted the council after cutting herself on one of the swings. Information regarding this incident has been passed onto the village filed committee. West Yorkshire Combined Authority forwarded information about their digital framework consultation.

Further complaints have been received from a resident living on Philips Lane about the difficulties that park cars on Estcourt Road cause for traffic exiting Philips Lane. It was considered that only legal enforcement would have any impact. Cllr Stones will mention this at her next liaison meeting with the Police.

2018-09-06

Finance:

On behalf of Cllr Stainer, Cllr Britton presented the accounts for July and August. He reported that the balance at the end of July stood at £23,955.37 and at the end of August stood at £23,420.37.

Three payments were submitted for retrospective approval during the recess in August.

Date	Item	Payment Method	Payee	Reason	Amount	VAT
1.8.18	15-1819	CH 756	Mr James Robert Capon	Gardening and Maintenance	105.00	0.00
12.8.18	16-1819	CH 757	Mr James Robert Capon	Gardening and Maintenance	180.00	0.00
27.8.18	17-1819	CH 758	Signs Unlimited	Air Crash Commemorative sign	300.00	50.00
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No payments were submitted for approval in September.

Cllr Hoyle and Stones approved the payments. The forecast balance at the yearend now stands at £29,091.32.

2018-09-07

Planning matters:

Existing applications

11 Beech Crescent	Tree works	Approved
Land adjacent to the Kyte	Relocation of a farm with associated buildings and a dwelling	Time limit for a decision extended

The development adjacent to the Kyte was not known about at the time of the last meeting. However, there was an exchange of emails between councillors about this development. An objection was submitted on the grounds that it was a development in greenbelt land and the proposal had unsafe access and egress from the farm onto the A1 slip road. Cllr Smith agreed to check if these objections had been posted on the WMDC website.

New Applications

Darrington Golf Club	2 storey green keepers shed	No comment
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2018-09-08

Defibrillator:

This is now up and running with 12 people having been trained in its use so far. Further training may be organised at a later date if sufficient people are interested in attending. It was suggested that the basic instructions were posted out with the next copy of the parish council newsletter.

2018-09-09

Church Orchard:

The grass in the orchard has not been cut during the summer due to the prolonged dry period. It has also been suggested that any future planting there should be more bee friendly.

The Dean family who had considered providing additional trees and provide money for the longer term maintenance no longer propose to do this as no long term maintenance agreement was agreed.

Cllr Britton will invite the PCC and Rev Judd to the next meeting to discuss long term arrangements for the orchard.

2018-09-10

Air Crash Memorial:

Cllr Tagger confirmed that the video company were now organised for the day. Several interviews having already been filmed. The commemoration itself will be filmed and be available for viewing at the golf club within one hour. A more comprehensive 10 -15 minute documentary of the whole event will be available later in the year.

Between 180 -190 tickets have been taken by members of the public and with invited guests numbers could be up to 300.

Carleton High school will be providing about 100 chairs. Due to lack of space at the site itself some people may have to stand. Unfortunately, it has not been possible to organise a road closure at this location due to the cost and time taken to organise such a thing. Temporary car parking has been agreed in a field off the A1 slip road.

The flypast is scheduled to take place at 16.02 pm.

2018-09-11

Reports:

School:

Some of the children have produced art work for the air crash memorial and others will be helping on the day.

Village Field:

The goal posts have now been re erected. The hedge on Philips Lane has been cut but the large laurel hedge still needs some attention.

At the next meeting scheduled for the 24th September the provision of some form of climbing frame will be discussed and hopefully a plan agreed for its erection. Costs for this are likely to be in excess of £20k plus VAT.

Police:

Cllr Stones has visited the police in Pontefract but despite promises has still not received any meaningful police reports. Cllr Jones added that he and several of his colleagues had written to the police concerned about the lack of police presence in the Pontefract area for long periods of time and this lack of visibility could have a negative impact.

In Bloom:

Nothing to report.

Gardening Club:

There have been two talks in recent meetings one about orchards and fruit trees the other about bees. It is proposed to try and pull together a regular series of talks throughout the year so these can be well advertised prior to the meeting.

Newsletter:

Cllr Hoyle agreed to provide an article for the next newsletter relating to the village fields decision not to organise a bonfire.

Any other articles are needed by mid October.

PCC magazine:

The magazine has again been produced without any information in it from the Parish Council.

Drone:

Nothing to report.

2018-09-12**Minor Items:**

As lack of support has recently impacted several community events in Darrington, it was agreed that a future agenda item should discuss ways of improving community engagement.

Cllr Stone reported that residents had complained about overgrowing vegetation at the junction of Hillcroft Close and Wentworth Park Rise. Cllr Britton would inspect this and discuss with the owner.

Cllr Britton reported that two residents had recently sadly passed away. Mr Simon Bristow and Mr Michael Leach.

Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held at 7.00 PM Thursday 11th October 2018 in the reading room.

Meeting closed at 8.35